

# S.B. NO. 1414

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 356D-6.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§356D-6.7[+] Closed to the public. (a) Any area  
4 within a housing project or on a parcel owned by the authority  
5 that is not a public street, road, highway, sidewalk, or county  
6 or state bus stop, shall be closed to the public where signs are  
7 displayed that read: "Closed to the Public - No Trespassing", or  
8 a substantially similar message; provided that the signs:

9 (1) Contain letters no less than two inches in height; and  
10 (2) Are placed at reasonable intervals no less than three  
11 signs to a mile along the boundary line of the areas  
12 that are closed to the public and at all entrances to  
13 the property, in a manner and position to be clearly  
14 noticeable from outside the boundary line.

15 (b) Any authority office or facility shall be closed to  
16 the public during non-business hours where signs are displayed  
17 that read: "Closed to the Public - No Trespassing", or a  
18 substantially similar message, and include hours of operation.

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1            [~~(b)~~] (c) For the purposes of this section:

2            "Housing project" means a public housing project, elder or  
3 elderly housing, as defined in section 356D-1, or state low-  
4 income housing project, as defined in section 356D-51."

5            SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7            SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

HPHA; Public Housing; Trespassing; HPHA Parcels; HPHA Offices;  
HPHA Facilities

**Description:**

Amends section 356D-6.7, HRS, to include all Hawaii Public  
Housing Authority parcels as areas that may be closed to the  
public.

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not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Human Services

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

PURPOSE: To expressly provide conditions under which Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) parcels and administrative offices and facilities may be closed to the public so that violations of section 356D-6.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), may be prosecuted as criminal trespass in the second degree pursuant to section 708-814, HRS.

MEANS: Amend section 356D-6.7, HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: Clarifying the conditions under which HPHA properties may be closed to the public will allow prosecution of trespassers pursuant to section 708-814, HRS. Clarifying what property is closed to members of the public will assist to deter late night gatherings that disturb the community.

Impact on the public: Discouraging trespassing on certain HPHA properties should benefit the public.

Impact on the department and other agencies: This bill will assist the HPHA in enforcing violations of a written prohibition to enter a housing project, HPHA parcel, or administrative office and facility based on an unlawful act.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HMS 229.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.

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